

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) Container of substantially form-retaining material, which container is filled with a liquid, which must be provided prior to consumption with a foaming head, which liquid comprises dissolved therein a first gas, which container comprises:

- a circumferential wall;
- a base which is connected along its whole periphery to this wall or is integrally formed therewith;
- a cover which, after filling of the container with the liquid, [which] is connected to the circumferential wall along its whole periphery; and
- a cartridge present in the container and at least partially filled with a second gas which under pressure serves as foaming medium, in the wall of which cartridge is situated at least one continuous hole for passage of gas; and

in the free container space a second gas creating over pressure in the closed container;

wherein

- the first gas is nitrous oxide, and
- the second gas is nitrogen,

and wherein the nitrous oxide and nitrogen, in combination, provide the liquid with a stiff foaming head that is stable for 15 minutes at refrigerator temperatures.

Claims 2-6 (Canceled).

7. (Original) Container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gas contains an aromatic component.

8. (Previously Presented) Container as claimed in claim 1, comprising:

a cartridge which is coupled to the base and extends from the base over some axial distance and which defines two passages, the first of which is situated in an end wall of the cartridge remote from the base and the second of which is situated in the region of the base;

which cartridge has the general shape of a beaker which beaker is coupled with an edge zone of its mouth to the base of the container by means of coupling means;

wherein the coupling means are exclusively mechanical and are embodied such that between the edge zone of the cartridge and the base of the container there remains some space, which space defines the second passage.

9. (Previously Presented) Container as claimed in claim 8, wherein the base has an axially displaced part with at least partly undercut peripheral zone; and

the edge zone of the cartridge takes an at least partly undercut form;

which peripheral zone and which edge zone mutually engage while retaining a clearance such that the cartridge is coupled to the base.

10. (Previously Presented) Container as claimed in claim 9, wherein the coupling means comprise snap means.

11. (Previously Presented) Container as claimed in claim 9, wherein at least one of the peripheral zone and the edge zone is compressed at least partially in axial direction while enclosing the other.

12. (Previously Presented) Container as claimed in claim 8, wherein the first passage has a form narrowing toward an area outside of the cartridge.

13. (Previously Presented) Container as claimed in claim 12, wherein the first passage has length of (3 ± 1) mm, an entry diameter of (0.9 ± 0.2) mm and an exit diameter of (0.25 ± 0.05) mm.

14. (Previously Presented) Container as claimed in claim 8, wherein the first passage is formed by perforation.

15. (Previously Presented) Container as claimed in claim 12, wherein the first passage is made by perforating with a bradawl having a conical tip.

16. (Previously Presented) Container as claimed in claim 15, wherein the tip of the bradawl has a shape corresponding with the shape of the passage and is displaced relative to the end wall of the cartridge over an axial distance corresponding with the desired shape of the passage.

17. (Previously Presented) Container as claimed in claim 8, wherein the exit of the first passage does not protrude axially beyond the peripheral edge of the end wall.

18. (Previously Presented) Container as claimed in claim 17, wherein the end wall has a recess.

19. (Previously Presented) Container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cartridge consists substantially of the same material as the container.

20. (Previously Presented) Container as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least a part of the inner surface of the container and the surfaces of the cartridge are provided with a coating.

21. (Currently Amended) Method for preparing a beverage container containing a consumable liquid so that the liquid will provide a foaming head upon opening the container for consumption, comprising the following steps:

- providing a container comprising a circumferential wall, a base which is connected along its whole periphery to this wall or is integrally formed therewith, and a

cover which, after filling of the container with the liquid, is connected to the circumferential wall along its whole periphery;

- accommodating a cartridge in the container, the cartridge being at least partially filled with nitrogen under pressure serving as foaming medium;

- filling consumable liquid into the container,

- dissolving nitrous oxide in the liquid, and

- closing the container, and

wherein the nitrous oxide and nitrogen, in combination, provide the liquid with a stiff foaming head that is stable for 15 minutes at refrigerator temperatures.

22. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 21, wherein nitrous oxide is dissolved in the liquid after filling the liquid into the container.

23. (Canceled).

24. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 21, wherein the liquid is selected from chocolate milks, cappuccinos, and milkshakes.

25. (Canceled).

26. (Previously Presented) Container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the said form-retaining materials is selected from the group consisting of aluminum, steel, other metal, polyethylene terephthalate, and other plastic.

27. (Previously Presented) Container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the liquid is selected from chocolate milk, cappuccino, and milkshake.

28. (Previously Presented) Container as claimed in claim 20, wherein the coating is a lacquer coat.

29. (Previously Presented) Container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the liquid is non-alcoholic.

30. (Canceled).

31. (Canceled).

32. (Previously Presented) Method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the liquid is non-alcoholic.

33. (Canceled).

34. (Canceled).